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## *Corrections News*

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### **Liakos Chosen as Department September Employee of the Month**

Jamie Liakos has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for September 2008. Liakos is employed as a Probation and Parole Unit Supervisor at District 4 Probation and Parole in Kansas City. Liakos is being recognized for going above and beyond his normal working duties.

In a letter to Liakos, Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford wrote, "In addition to your normal working duties, you have served as a Prison Re-entry Initiative Officer, a member of the Integrated Case Management and Supervision Team, Missouri Re-entry Process District Team and the TAP Implementation Team. You have served as a district representative to Work Force Development, Career Challenge, Regional Planning Committee, and Pathway to Change. You have served on many In-House Committees, humbly accepting and successfully completing duties and responsibilities that would not be offered to most officers. You have also served as a mentor for new staff in District 4. You are always willing to help other officers in need, whether it be for supervising a urine submission, helping to filter through ALERT information, staffing problems or staying close by when a client has the potential to be aggressive with another officer. In March 2008 you were Region II Field Services Employee of the Month. It is a testament to your character that three separate people nominated you for that award and in turn this one. Recently, you were promoted to Probation and Parole Unit Supervisor where I am sure you will continue to excel. Your ability to accept a diversity of job assignments and perform them at a high level benefits District 4, Probation and Parole, and the Department as a whole."

Liakos has been employed with the Department of Corrections for 10 years and lives in Lawrence, Kansas.

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